

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Newly-added Claims 19-27 are supported by the specification, particularly page 28. Accordingly, no new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.

REMARKS

Claims 19-28 are pending, upon entry of the amendment submitted above. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Hamilton for the helpful and courteous discussion held with their representative on May 14, 2008. During the discussion, amendments to overcome the outstanding rejections were discussed. The following remarks expand on the discussion with the Examiner.

At the outset, Applicants note that Claim 19 corresponds to Claim 9 and amended to specify that polymer (A) containing structural units represented by formula (1) or structural units represented by the following formula (1) and the following formula (2). That is the copolymer contains units of formula (1).

For this reason, the rejections set forth at paragraphs 1-3, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 14 are believed not to apply to the claims submitted herewith. Accordingly, withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejection of Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Komano et al. in view of Danielson et al. is respectfully traversed. The cited references fail to suggest the claimed method.

Komano et al. discloses a photosensitive resin composition. See the Abstract. The reference fails to disclose or suggest the use of a polymer containing structural units represented by formula (1) as set forth in Claim 19. See the paragraph bridging columns 10 and 11.

Danielson et al. relates to a method of forming a protective conductive structure. See the Abstract. The reference fails to disclose or suggest the use of a polymer containing structural units represented by formula (1) as set forth in Claim 19.

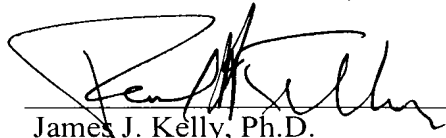
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Since neither reference suggests polymer (A), the claimed method is not obvious over the combination of Komano et al. in view of Danielson et al. Accordingly, withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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